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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY MISSION DEBT ARREARAGES

REF: (A) STATE 136243, (B) LA PAZ 5437

1. AS NOTED IN REFTEL (A) OF JUNE 1976, THE LONG-STANDING  
ISSUE OF LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY MISSION DEBT POSES A UNIQUE  
AND COMPLEX PROBLEM. POST REPLIES TO THE REFTEL, IN PAR-  
TICULAR THE STRESS BY MANY POSTS ON THE NEED FOR ADDED  
DOCUMENTATION, REINFORCES OUR APPRECIATION OF THE DIFFI-  
CULTIES THAT RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM WILL ENTAIL.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THE CONCERN OF MANY POSTS THAT THIS PAR-  
TICULAR DEBT ISSUE NOT BECOME AN UNNECESSARY IRRITANT IN  
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BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS. WE ARE SENSI-  
TIVE TO THESE CONCERNS PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT  
DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING OUR MILITARY PROGRAMS IN A NUMBER  
OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

3. THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE HAVE CAREFULLY RE-  
VIEWED THE ISSUE AND ARE AGREED THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO

PURSUE RESOLUTION. WE ARE ALSO AGREED THAT BECAUSE OF THE CONCERN NOTED IN PARA 2, THAT OUR EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE MADE IN A LOW-KEY FASHION AND AT A WORKING LEVEL.

4. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE WITH BOLIVIAN MILITARY ATTACHES HERE IN WASHINGTON. WE WILL ADVISE YOU IF ANY ADDITIONAL FOLLOW-UP IS REQUIRED. DEFENSE IS ALSO REVIEWING ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE BILLINGS TO DETERMINE WHAT ACTION IS NECESSARY.

5. YOUR CONTINUED COOPERATION ON THIS DIFFICULT ISSUE IS MUCH APPRECIATED. VANCE

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